

# CLASSIFYING BILL MAY BE UP TODAY

## Chairman Lehlbach Seeking to Have Further Consideration in House.

Chairman Lehlbach of the House Committee on reform in the civil service, and author of the reclassification bill, which has been the subject of debate in the House during the last two days, is hopeful of getting this measure up for consideration in the House again late this afternoon. The reclassification bill as unfinished business had to give away today so that the House could have an opportunity to vote on the maximum surtax provision in the general tax measure.

Owing to parliamentary tactics yes-

**Cause for Delay.**

Charges by leading members of the appropriations committee that delegating large powers to the budget bureau in allocating government employees and determining their salaries would deprive Congress of its legis-

By a vote of 32 to 25, the House accepted an amendment offered by Representative Wood, which requires that the compensation of the judges be determined by the bureau of the budget, to act under such rules and regulations as the

**Money Must Be Provided.**  
The House also approved another amendment offered by Representative Black which provides that in no case shall the compensation of an employee be increased unless Congress shall have provided the necessary money. After a sharp contest with Representative Lehlbach, Representative Begg succeeded in having an amendment adopted, 51 to 40, which struck out the clause repealing the existing public school teachers in the District from the provisions of the re-

classification measure. During the reclassification measure, Begg charged that the reclassification measure gave more consideration to keepers at Zoro than to school teachers. He said, "This measure is a good thing for the clerical force, for the administrative force, for the police department, for the Government."

the custodians of the various buildings and institutions in those buildings, why is it not a good thing for the public school teachers, who have the custody of the children of the town during the period from six years of age until they have completed their schooling? I can see no

"When the proper time comes for the classification, I shall offer another amendment to put in the words 'teachers, supervisor, superintendent' in the proper classification, but the only reason why you should not do

it is because it will put the school teachers on a par with the keepers of museums, with the keepers of the Rock Creek Park Zoo, and it will put them on a par, as far as salaries are concerned, with the garbage cleaners and sweepers in the market place and in the morgue. It will put them on a par in salaries with the clerks in the offices of the various departments in Washington, and it

will put the supervising force of the public schools on a par with the heads of departments that may have ten or twenty people under them. That is one reason why you should not do it. It will increase the salaries of the public school teachers.

**Plea for Justice.**  
 "I simply want to cast my vote along the line of justice. There is nothing in the world that will make me give more preference to a stenographer in some man's office than I would to a teacher in a school. Who gives the most serious consideration to the job? I do not mean to say anything derogatory to the office man or

to the office girl, and I do not want any remarks to be construed in that way, but they close their office desks at 4:30 o'clock and go home, without a care, while there is not a school teacher in the city who can do that thing. They must take their work home with them. They must work at night. They must prepare their next day's lessons for the boys and girls.

and yet duties as I said yesterday, for these clerks range from \$1,800 to \$7,200 for some class of government employees whose duties are no more onerous than those of teachers, who receive but \$1,200 to \$1,440. In the high school they get as high as \$2,240 for class B, and in class A, \$2,500. I want to know again where is the justice in paying the high school teacher a maximum salary of \$2,500 a year and the office man \$5,000 for doing less arduous work?"

## U. S. BUSINESS LEADERS DEMAND CLASSIFICATION

Members of the House today received letters from the United States Chamber of Commerce, stating that the membership of the chamber, made up of commercial and industrial organizations, has voted overwhelmingly in favor of reclassification of government workers.

The letters state that because the matter is before Congress at this

time in a active way, we speak your earnest consideration of the report and principles advocated by our members."

Calling attention to the report submitted to members last April, the chamber states that by polling its members it found that its member-

ship:  
 "By a vote of nearly seventy to one approved of recasting the present system, under which the personnel of the federal service is secured.  
 "By a vote of nearly forty to one recommended adequate and uniform pay, under essentially like conditions, as a fundamental principle.  
 "By a vote of twenty-three to one

recommended that reclassification should be installed by the Civil Service Commission and the budget bureau — current correction made by Congress, — lauded by these agencies.

"By a vote of nearly forty to one, recommended that promotion should be given statutory recognition as a preferred method for filling vacancies — with lines of promotion clearly defined and promotion made upon basis of proved merit, under civil service

## OFFICIALS TO BE GUESTS.

District officers and their families will be guests at the presentation of the musical comedy, "A Buck for Tomorrow Night," at the Shubert-Garrick Theater. Those who will occupy boxes with their families are Commissioners Rudolph, O'Connor and Keller.

The play is being presented all this week, and will be seen by members of the District Division veterans of the District of Columbia and Vincent B. Costello for the benefit of their comrades in distress.

One hundred and fifty disabled veterans from the Walter Reed, Naval and other hospitals were guests at